

GRABBING AT STRAWS.

Like a Drowning Man, the Managers of the State Democracy Are Snatching at Anything to Relieve Them From Their Perilous Position—Jim Miller and Tim Scanlon Writing Letters.

The hopelessness of the Democratic cause in West Virginia is fully illustrated in the following letters written by two leaders of the party, who, in few words, have given up the expectation of securing the electoral vote or the election of the state ticket, but who are now using every endeavor, fair and unfair, by bluster and boodle, to carry the legislature and save, at least, one congressman.

The following is Chairman Miller's letter:

Miller's Letter.
Headquarters
Democratic State Executive Com.
PARKERSBURG, W. Va.
September 14, 1900.

DEAR SIR:—This campaign is to the Democracy of West Virginia, the most important one that has ever confronted us. In addition to the national issues which involve the very existence of this republic, there are questions which concern particularly, and most vitally, the Democracy of this state. The present Republican state administration has not only proven itself incompetent, but shamelessly profligate and extravagant of the people's money, having expended \$300,000 per year more than ever expended by a Democratic administration; what they would do in four years more we can only judge by what they have done.

The next legislature will not only have to elect a United States senator to succeed Mr. Elkins, but it will also have the far more important duty of re-districting the state, this being required to be done after the taking of each census.

Quotes the Pittsburgh Dispatch.

As indicating what the Republicans propose to do, if they carry the legislature this time, I quote a recent special sent to the Pittsburgh Dispatch, by its correspondent in the city of Charleston, who is a clerk in the office of Secretary of State Dawson, chairman of the Republican state executive committee. It says:

"If the Republicans get a chance next winter they will make it so that there will not be another Democrat in Congress and the Democrats cannot get a majority in the legislature without having eighteen thousand majority in the state. The thing has all been figured out and the legislature can do it in three days if it has the right complexion."

To be forewarned is to be forearmed, and every Democrat in the state must see to it that this nefarious scheme of the Republicans is thwarted by the election of a Democratic legislature.

This committee would like to hear from you frequently and in detail touching political conditions in your locality, to consider any suggestions you may be pleased to make.

Yours truly,
JAMES H. MILLER,
Chairman Dem. State Ex. Com.
What Scanlon Writes.

October 7, 1900.
DEAR SIR:—Your name has been given to this committee as an active and loyal Democrat of your country. I write this letter to call to your mind the importance of securing a Democratic victory in this state and nation.

The Republican bosses are fully aware that this state is lost to them at the present time, but they hope to recede it with corruption and fraud. If the Republicans should carry West Virginia and secure a majority of the members of the legislature they will have the re-districting along legislative and congressional lines, and they will no doubt, under the guiding hand of the Republican bosses who are now in control, rearrange the state so that a Democratic victory cannot be counted upon for at least ten years, and you will know, judging by the past and the present regime of the Republican bosses, what ten years of additional corruption and fraud would mean to the state of West Virginia. This committee is interested not only in the election of Mr. Collins and all Democratic nominees of this state, it desires to secure the electoral votes of West Virginia for William Jennings Bryan. This is a fight to the finish and our efforts must not be relaxed until we have won a glorious victory. We appeal to you to take up the fight in your neighborhood, and be vigilant, aggressive and alert, to the end that we may rally to our support every voter who claims to be a Democrat, and claim a few additional from the Republican party.

Will you help along in the good cause, and for this one year give a good part of your time to the Democratic party from now on until election day?

Look After the Lukewarm.

See every Democrat in your precinct, and if there is a single one who is dissatisfied with any part of the ticket, or who is lukewarm in his feelings for the party, advise me at once, and also take up the matter with the chairman of your committee, or the member of the committee from your district. Also, investigate thoroughly as to the condition of the Republican party in your precinct, and if you find that by the distribution of literature or the personal efforts of any candidate, committeeman, or any other person, the Republican vote can be secured for all or any part of the ticket, please do not hesitate to make the fact known to the committee or to me. I write you at length because I realize the importance of a Democratic victory, and that to secure it hard and persistent work must be done by every active Democrat.

Every nominee for Congress is a very worthy and intelligent gentleman, one who has been through life, and is yet, a business man in the capacity of farmer, merchant and lumberman. He is in touch with the masses and knows their wants and needs. He has never held office and is no politician, therefore his candidacy in the interest of good government and good laws.

I would be glad to hear from you at once as to what you know and think of the situation in your county.

Very truly,
T. S. SCANLON,
Chairman Fourth Congressional District Democratic Executive Committee.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Money on call firm at 3 3/4 per cent; last loan 3 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5 3/4 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4 1/4 for demand and at 4 1/8 for sixty days; posted rates 4 1/2 and 4 3/4. Silver certificates 62 1/2 to 63 1/2. Bar silver 62. Mexican dollars 49 1/2. Government bonds strong. Railroad bonds irregular.

Some continued efforts were made in professional quarters to advance the prices of stocks to-day, but the bull forces were considerably depleted and it was evident that the manipulation was taken advantage of to realize in others. Yesterday's market fairly demonstrated that the outstanding short interest had been reduced to such proportions as to make their demand ineffective in continuing the advance in prices. To-day it looked very much as though some of the important bull interests had taken early cognizance of this fact

CURES WEAK MEN FREE.

Send Name and Address To-day---You Can Have It Free and Be Strong and Vigorous for Life.

INSURES LOVE AND A HAPPY HOME.



L. W. KNAPP, M. D.

How any man may quickly cure himself after years of suffering from sexual weakness, lost vitality, night losses, varicocele, etc., and enlarge small weak organs to full size and vigor. Simply send your name and address to Dr. L. W. Knapp, 254 Hull Bldg., Detroit, Mich., and he will gladly send the free receipt with full directions so that any man may easily cure himself at home. This is certainly a most generous offer, and the following extracts taken from his daily mail show what men think of his generosity.

"Dear Sir:—Please accept my sincere thanks for yours of recent date. I have given your treatment a thorough test and the benefit has been extraordinary. It has completely braced me up. I am just as vigorous as when a boy and you cannot realize how happy I am."

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were 150 cars. December, closing 1 1/2¢ down at 2 1/4¢.

Provisions were quiet and easy early on moderate selling by local interests, but the market steadied later on buying for English account. January pork sold between \$11.30 and \$11.20, and closed at \$11.25; January lard between \$5.75 and \$5.60, closing unchanged at \$5.75; and January ribs between \$5.97 1/2 and \$5.92 1/2, with the close a shade depressed at \$5.97 1/2.

Estimated receipts for to-morrow: Wheat, 212 cars; corn, 550 cars; oats, 270 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
October	74 1/4	74 3/4	74 1/4	74 1/2
November	74 1/4	74 3/4	74 1/4	74 1/2
December	75 1/4	75 3/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Corn, No. 2				
October	41 1/4	41 3/4	41 1/4	41 1/2
November	38 1/4	38 3/4	38 1/4	38 1/2
December	35 1/4	35 3/4	35 1/4	35 1/2
Oats, No. 2				
October	21 1/4	21 3/4	21 1/4	21 1/2
November	21 1/4	21 3/4	21 1/4	21 1/2
December	22 1/4	22 3/4	22 1/4	22 1/2
Mess Pork				
October	51 1/4	51 3/4	51 1/4	51 1/2
November	51 1/4	51 3/4	51 1/4	51 1/2
January	51 1/4	51 3/4	51 1/4	51 1/2
Lard				
October	6 7/8	6 7/8	6 7/8	6 7/8
November	6 7/8	6 7/8	6 7/8	6 7/8
January	6 7/8	6 7/8	6 7/8	6 7/8
Short Ribs				
October	6 5/8	6 5/8	6 5/8	6 5/8
November	6 5/8	6 5/8	6 5/8	6 5/8
January	6 5/8	6 5/8	6 5/8	6 5/8

Cash quotations were as follows:

Wheat—No. 3, 67 1/2¢; No. 2 red 74 1/4¢.

Corn—No. 2, 41 1/4¢; No. 2 yellow 41 1/4¢.

Oats—No. 2 white 24 1/4¢; No. 3 white 23 1/4¢.

Rye—No. 2, 60¢.

Malt—Fair to choice 46¢.

Flaxseed—No. 1, 1 1/8¢; No. 1 northwestern 1 1/8¢.

Timothyseed—Prime, 14 10¢ 15¢.

Mess Pork—Per barrel 32 00¢ 32 25¢.

Lard—Per 100 lbs., \$8 77 1/2¢ 80¢.

Short Ribs—Sides (loose) \$7 00¢ 7 25¢.

Dry salted shoulders (boxed) 6 1/4¢ 6 1/2¢.

Short clear sides (boxed) \$7 00¢ 7 10¢.

Whisky—Basis of high wines \$1 27¢.

Clover—Contract grade \$10 25¢.

Butter—Market firm; creameries 16¢ 21¢; dairies, 15¢ 18¢.

Cheese—Firm at 10¢ 11¢.

Eggs—Steady; fresh 17¢.

NEW YORK—Flour, receipts 25,660 barrels; exports 5,855 barrels; sales, 74,000 packages; market was neglected, but steady at old prices.

Wheat, receipts 140,650 bushels; exports 138,788 bushels; sales, 1,575,000 bushels of futures, and 100,000 bushels of spot; market steady; options closed at 77¢; May closed at 83¢; October closed at 77¢; December closed at 79¢.

Corn, receipts 345,025 bushels; exports 10,556 bushels; sales, 60,000 bushels of futures and 520,000 bushels of spot; market steady; options closed partly 4¢ lower; May, 41¢; closed at 41¢; October closed at 40¢; December closed at 42¢.

Oats, receipts 52,200 bushels; exports 7,005 bushels; spot market dull; No. 2, 25¢; No. 3, 24¢; No. 2 white 27¢; No. 3 white 26¢; track mixed western 24¢ 26¢; track white western and state 26¢ 28¢; options very quiet, but held steady.

Hay quiet. Hops dull. Hides firm. Leather steady. Beef dull. Cutsmeats steady.

Steady; western steamed 37 25¢; October closed 37 25¢ nominal; refined steady.

Pork easy; mess 34 00¢ 35 00¢.

Butter firm. Cheese firm.

Tallow easier; city, 2¢ per package; 4¢ asked; country, (packages free), 4¢ 1/2¢.

Cottonseed oil easy; prime yellow 31¢; Rosin quiet. Turpentine quiet.

Rice steady. Molasses steady.

Coffee, spot Rio dull; No. 7 invoice 5¢; mild quiet; Cordova 9 1/4¢ 10¢; futures opened steady, with prices five points lower; closed barely steady at ten points; total sales, 9,000 bags.

Sugar, raw steady; fair refining 4¢; Centrifugal, 9¢ test, 4¢; molasses sugar 4¢; refined steady.

BALTIMORE—Flour dull; receipts 25,250 barrels; exports 3,550 barrels. Wheat, firm; spot and cash, 61¢; month, 73 1/4¢ 74 1/4¢; November, 74 1/4¢; December, 75 1/4¢ 76¢; steamer No. 2 red 71 1/4¢ 71 1/4¢; receipts 23,655 bushels; southern by sample 66 1/4¢; southern on grade 72 1/4¢. Corn dull; mixed, spot and month 45 1/4¢ 45 1/4¢; November (new), 43 1/4¢ 43 1/4¢; November or December, new or old, 41 1/4¢ 41 1/4¢; January, 40 1/4¢ 40 1/4¢; steamer mixed 46 1/4¢ 46 1/4¢; receipts 128,351 bushels; exports 94,255 bushels; southern white and yellow corn 45¢ 47¢. Oats dull; No. 2 white 27 1/2¢ 28¢; No. 2 mixed 25 1/2¢ 25 1/2¢; receipts 38,198 bushels; exports none. Butter steady; fancy imitation 22 1/2¢; other grades unchanged. Eggs firm. Cheese steady.

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